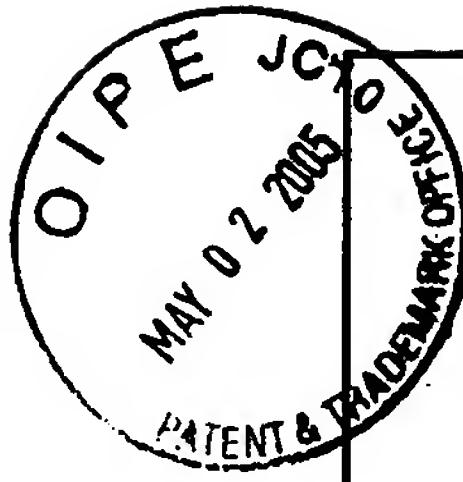


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 21, 2005, Applicant encloses herewith an executed amendment originally filed on December 28, 2004. No further revisions have been made.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, and within the fourth month for response thereto and upon payment of the appropriate extension fee, as noted in the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 10 of this document.

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